



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Yasunori KODA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2629

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Examiner: V. SHANKAR

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For: INSTRUCTION INPUTTING DEVICE AND INSTRUCTION INPUTTING METHOD

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the March 29, 2007 Election of Species Requirement and the April 11 telephone conference with Examiner Shankar, Applicants provisionally elect Species I, Figures 1-9, with traverse. Claims 1-23 are generic to all species.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiner Shankar in the April 11 telephone interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

Applicants asserted, and Examiner Shankar agreed, that Species I should be directed to Figs. 1-9.

It is also respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all species is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one species would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining species. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire

application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Thus, withdrawal of the Election of Species Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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